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UNIVERSITY'S NEW AUDITORIUM OPEN

Comic Opera "Priscilla" First Production to Be Held in the New Hall.

On Saturday night, after years of hopeful waiting on the part of students and faculty, in the University, an auditorium, adequate, handsome, almost finished, was thrown open to the public. By a fortunate coincident Mr. Storer was able to open the great hall with an interesting presentation of a comic opera. The evening had, therefore, a double claim to attention and the very large and enthusiastic audience showed that it recognized the claim.

On all sides, one heard expressions of delighted approval of the new auditorium. Altho it was not yet finished—some of the work on the seats remaining to be done, the ventilators being still unready, and only three of the chandeliers and none of the wall lights having been installed—that the hall was to be very handsome could not be doubted. For a final saying on this head we must wait; but at the moment one must express gratification with the general appearance, the windows, the curtain, and the fixtures. Undoubtedly the addition of more chandeliers will relieve the present swindling effect and make improvements in the acoustics which seem to have been none too successful on Saturday night. But after the makeshifts of the past years it is a pleasure to have a comfortable seat in a sloping floor and look upon a beautiful curtain.

When the velvet curtains parted upon the first act of Priscilla it was a pleased and eager crowd that welcomed the puritan maidens. That Priscilla has not the sparkle and tunefulness of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta rather increases the commendation Mr. Storer should receive for the success of the production. And when one says that the comic situations somehow did not get over to the audience and that the dialogue did not stand up to the humor that was in it, one remembers that Mr. Storer had the harassing duty of swinging twenty tardy equipment men (into line). The orchestra under the direction of Mr. Storer and re-enforced by several imported artists carried an excellent support to the singers and with the choruses at least brought out the climaxes admirably. The choruses themselves were a delight

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ANOTHER DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Idaho Wins Unanimous Decision Over Willamette at Salem.

Another championship brought the intercollegiate debates of 1912-13 to a close. At Salem our boys won a unanimous decision over Willamette University; while at Moscow we lost to the visitors by a two to one vote. This was the first time that Idaho and Willamette had ever met on the platform. Our new opponent is no mean foe. She has defeated Pacific, Whitman and Oregon in previous years. The contract that governed the debates provided that, in determining the championship each victory should count as one unit and each vote as one unit. Idaho won five points, or units, and Willamette won three. This entitles us to hang another scalp to our belt.

The question was, Resolved, That the naval policy expressed in the last annual report of ex-Secretary Meyer should be carried on by the United States. At Moscow we defended the affirmative side of the resolution and Willamette upheld the negative. At Salem the positions were reversed. Our boys argued for the negative in the Oregon capital and Willamette endeavored to prove the affirmative of the proposition.

The question as it was worded placed too heavy a burden upon the affirmative and permitted differences of interpretation. Willamette wrote to ask us to center the debate upon the naval policy and ignore the efficiency program of ex-Secretary Meyer. This we agreed to do. And this we proceeded to do in the debate at Moscow. But the Willamette debaters contended that the interpretation had not been formally and finally agreed upon. So a protracted wrangling over the meaning of the proposition took place that was not very edifying. The debate at Moscow was something like a comet in that it faded out in a nebulous mist.

The Idaho speakers were Homer Barton and Joseph Pond. And Willamette's representatives were Paul Smith and Glenn MacCaddam.

Barton displayed something of the fluency that characterized his speaking in the debate with Pacific; but he faltered occasionally, got tangled up in his sentences, and had to make palpable efforts to recover his ilnes. Then, too, he was the first one to interrupt a speaker of the other side; and his

interruption was altogether inexcusable, however well-intentioned it may have been, because later on his colleague had ample opportunity to reply to the contention of the negative speaker without interrupting a speech. This seemed to be the signal for interruptions and they became the order of the evening.

Pond did some very good work in rebuttal and had he shown that the program of forty-one battleships (the point upon which the negative concentrated their attack) would still leave us in 1920 in our present relative naval rank, and that therefore the affirmative, by official and uncontrovertible statistics, were entitled to stand for the present condition of affairs, and that the negative, therefore, were the innovators, Idaho might have won. But hind-sight is always easier than fore-sight. Great credit must be given to Pond for the self-control he displayed under trying circumstances. Amid frequent interruptions he spoke in the best of temper, and his sentences flashed with wit.

Smith depended very largely upon his manuscript and made no attempt at rebuttal. His colleague, Glenn MacCaddam (an Idaho boy, by the way) was much the best speaker of the evening as far as natural ability is concerned. Were he to enjoy the advantages of an adequate library and competent training he would make a name for himself in the history of inter-collegiate debate in the Pacific Northwest. Of the fourteen debater whom Idaho has met this year he is distinctly the best. The speeches of both the Willamette debates lacked organization; they displayed a minimum of research and a maximum of assertion; and they seemed to have little relation to each other. Yet we do not wish to detract from Willamette's victory. It was the opinion of many in the audience that she was fully entitled to it; and the decision was received with applause. "Our defeat in the home debate," said Professor Hulme, "was due to the coach. Despite the letter from Willamette requesting us to distinguish between 'policy' and 'program,' it would have been far better had our debaters been instructed to accept the negative contention that the words are synonymous. We

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Miss Grace Terry of Lewiston is to be assisting artist. Concerning Miss Terry's ability, Karleton Hackett of Chicago, critic of the Musical Courier and authority in singing says:

"Miss Terry has had excellent training. Her voice I consider an unusual one in beauty of placement and tone color"

Herbert Witherspoon of the Metropolitan Opera company of New York says:

"Miss Terry is an artist of unusual ability."

Among her numbers will be a group of songs by J. Francis Maguire of the Department of Music, together with these she will sing selections from Puccini's grand opera, Mme. Butterfly.

The prices of tickets to students will be 50 cents and it is hoped that a good sized audience will be present from different departments of the University.

Mark April 11th taken. Tickets can be had from the bursar:

could have made a successful debate, I think, on the negative's own ground. There is some consolation in the fact that in both debates the right side of the question won,—that the lack of all necessity for naval expansion received a double demonstration."

At Salem the Idaho team, which consisted of Philip Evans and Harry McAdams, proved itself to be so superior to Willamette's team, made up of Seth Axlev and Charles Ohling, that it was given a unanimous verdict by the judges. The judges were leading lawyers of Portland and were eminently qualified in every way to judge such a contest.

A word should be said regarding the very satisfactory way in which Willamette conducted the negotiations for the debate. With the exception of asking for a certain interpretation of the question and then permitting her negative team to disclaim that interpretation after Idaho had acceded to her request, the association with her has been most pleasant.

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Should the University of Idaho have a rule compelling compulsory attendance at assemblies? This is the question which the faculty are now considering. The new auditorium is large and the handful of students who attended assembly in the old "Y" hall, make scarcely an impression in the new hall. There is not a time in the whole school year when the entire student body are united. Football games come the closest to uniting them. As long as compulsory attendance is not required, some students will not attend. Probably one reason why students fail to attend now is the time at which assembly comes. With unprepared classes staring the student in the face at the 11:15 hour, the reason for non-attendance is very apparent.

As much good can be obtained from the assembly gatherings as from any one credit course in school, and with the new auditorium, a compulsory rule, and the assembly moved to the 11:15 period the assemblies in the future will take on an altogether different appearance.

Zeta Delta Annual Dance Last Monday Night.

Zeta Delta fraternity gave its second annual dance Monday night of this week at Eggan's hall. The date originally set was for Friday April the fourth but owing to a conflict with Mr. Storer's dress rehearsal of Priscilla, the faculty agreed to let the dance be held on a week night.

About forty couples were in attendance. The following out of town guests attended: Messrs. Lowery, Armstrong, Gutward, McWhorter, Folger, Holt, Jinnett, and Coe of W. S. C., Chas Fields of St. John, Washington, Lee Downing of Wenatchee, and Miss Blanche Gibbs of Lewiston.

Music was furnished by Dovie's orchestra and was of a high class. The patrons and patronesses were Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Stewart, Miss Parmel French, Miss Isabel Stephens, Mr. Chas. H. Wilber and Mr. Ben Lehman.

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Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole will lecture at W. S. C. in the college auditorium Tuesday night April 15th.

President MacLean is in Moscow visiting with his family, who will return with him to Canada. He delivered the speech in assembly this week.

The University of California will carry its extension work into a new field when it begins a correspondence course in engineering for the convicts in the California state penitentiary. A course in mechanical engineering will soon be started by Professor Robert Sihlev, formerly head of engineering at the University of Montana. The idea of the new course is to make the state's charges useful producers, and to give them a profession to follow when they are released from the penitentiary.

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AT ASSEMBLY

The assembly hour last week was moved from the regular 10:30 period to the 11:15 period for the convenience of the lecturer. However, the 11:15 classes did not have a vacation, as they were moved back to the regular assembly period.

The piano solo was given by Miss Burns. It was requested by Dean Eldridge that there be no encore, so that the extra time would be given to the speaker, Mr. Williamson, now Presbyterian minister of Los Angeles, California, and formerly of this place, was the speaker for the period. The lecture which he gave was explanations and descriptions of stereoscopic views of the Yosemite Valley of California, the Grand Canyon of Colorado, and the Petrified Forests of Arizona. Mr. Williamson is a very good speaker and his accompanying remarks of the pictures as shown, gave to one an inspiration as if he was seeing the actual scenes.

Mr. Williamson first showed pictures of the beautiful Yosemite Valley of California and pointed out the grandeur of the scenes and described the impressions, as near as they could be described under the circumstances, which the scenery conveys to the traveler as he passes through. After showing many views of the beautiful country of the Yosemite, Mr. Williamson turned to the pictures of the Grand Canyon of Colorado, and then to the wonderful Petrified Forests of Arizona. One looking upon the scenes could scarcely realize that they were taken from real nature. Especially were the scenes of the Petrified Forests marked with beauty. The ragged mountains of rock, tinged with the beauty of all the colors of the rainbow into a color scheme to be understood only as the work of the Divine Painter.

The lecture was a treat to all who heard it, and if there were any who missed the treat it was probably because there was not room in the assembly hall for them to get even a place to stand.

Base Ball.

Squad out on the campus all this week.

The men are getting into shape rapidly.

The team has had several strenuous practices the last week and Pink is beginning to get the squad into some semblance of a ball club. Particular attention is being paid to batting practice, a department in which we have usually been rather weak. Rex Curtis has been assisting Pink the last few days and yesterday had the aspirants practicing sliding for about an hour.

For the infield Jardine seems to be a fixture at third, Doc Numbers is doing well at short, McEvers

and Jones are having a close race for second and Humphries appears to have the first call on first. With a little practice this bunch should develop into a good infield, and there are several other good men that may be called upon. Robinson is showing up strong for catcher. Anderson the other catcher, has been down with the mumps for the last 2 weeks.

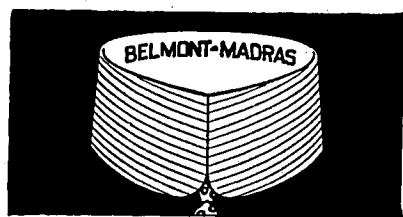
The pitchers have been working out regularly, Hayden's wing is better than it was two years ago and Gerlough and Keane are showing up in fine form.

There are several likely looking aspirants for the outfield, Bier, Owens, Alberts, Donart and Knutson are all showing excellent early season form and are all good hitters.

Miss Helen Stanton was the guest of Gamma Phi Beta at dinner Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Himes of Sandpoint, Miss Ada Wessel of Spokane, Maude Himes and Florence Stephenson were the dinner guests of Omega Pi Sunday.

Mrs. Himes, Miss Wessel and Maude Himes left for Spokane Sunday to hear Marv Garden.



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Debaters Royally Entertained.

The debate which took place at Willamette University last Friday night is one that will long be remembered by Idaho's representation.

Judge J. C. Morsland presided and Robert Trent Platt, R. A. Leiter and Omar C. Spencer were the judges. The debate was held at the M. E church in the presence of a large audience. All Salem seemed behind the debate, it being Willamette's first in several years.

Before the debate an enthusiastic rally, consisting of songs, yells, music, screams, cries, whistles, moans, groans, sighs, shrieks, dancing, running, rolling, jumping, kloking and serpentineing was participated in. Idaho's effigy was ushered in by the stalwart Willametteites and given a prominent position on the front row. Mr. Todd, the debate manager, introduced Idaho's team and an ovation fit for a king was given. Then came the fireworks. Seth Axley, a Salem boy, opened for Willamette by defining the issue to be, "Should we increase our navy to forty one battleships, or should we not," after which he argued that Mr. Meyer's policy would tend toward peace; that arbitration fails and that treaties are more often broken than kept.

Mr. Axley has a very pleasant personality, a quick forceful delivery, and his work both in constructive argument and rebuttal, showed a well analyzed understanding of the question. So skillfully did Axley "out over" his interpretation of the question, that Idaho, in order to have set the matter right, would have been forced to take the initiative in a quibble over the issue. To avoid this, and confidence in our argument, led us to acquiesce in the interpretation Willamette gave; thus changing our entire case to suit their issue without their knowledge.

Following Mr. Axley, Phillip Evans spoke for Idaho, and with his usual superabundant flow of words Evans did Idaho proud.

Willamette second speaker was Mr. Charles Ohling of Albany. Mr. Ohling argued that ex-Secretary Meyer's policy is necessary in order to protect our vital interest placing special emphasis on the maintenance of our Monroe Doctrine, our commerce and our citizens abroad. As a third fundamental argument he argues that Mr. Meyer's policy is necessary in order to keep our relative position with other nations. Mr. Ohling is a good talker, easy in his manner of delivery, and with the added dignity that another year or two in age will give him, Willamette will have a good man.

Following Mr. Ohling, Harry McAdams closed for Idaho: Axley then finishing for Willamette in a six minutes rebuttal speech.

During the debate the best of spirit prevailed, and time after time prolonged applause went up for Idaho.

At the reception and banquet after the debate, what we call ideal spirit was shown. Speeches were given, responses made and a number of musical selections were rendered. During the banquet the message came telling of Willamette's victory here, and I leave the reader to picture the scene. In a number of the speeches the wish was expressed that the two schools meet on the platform again another year.

We wish especially to express our appreciation for the pains Mr. Paul Todd showed in escorting us to places of interest around the town.

We congratulate Willamette on her school, her beautiful city and her genuine college spirit. Willamette, you are a good loser. We, too, hope that arrangements for a repetition of the happy event may be made for next year.

HARRY McADAMS.

Track.

The track squad is now in hard training, the Montana meet coming the second week in May is not far distant and the men must soon get into shape. Heo has had them outside for the past few days and has sent the distance men on some long grinds. The sprinters have been taking things rather easy until they get the soreness out of their legs.

The coach says that he is in dire need of a high hurdler. It appears that there is a good hurdler in school who refuses to come out. He doesn't appear to have any excuse, except that he does not wish to get out and work. We should be ashamed to have such a man in school. It is not so bad when the school has plenty of material for some event, but to refuse to come out when we stand in need of your service is most despicable. There is no use in saying that a half hour a day of training will interfere in the least with studies. There are only two constructions that loyal Idaho men can place on such actions, either this man is too lazy to get out and do a little work or he is afraid that some one will beat him out. If a man has made his boast that he is good in some branch he should not be afraid to stand back of his words.

Mrs. Warren Truitt entertained at luncheon Friday in honor of the Gamma Phi Beta seniors. Those invited were Mrs. MacLean, Mrs. Little, Miss French, Mrs. Day Dr. Moore, Jessie Coram, Ruth Annett, Eva Emmet and Kathryn Smith.

Lee Downing, '12, after spending several days at the Zeta Delta house has returned to Wenatchee, Wash.

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to the ear. It was finer to hear them sing separately—men or girls—because as the men stood intack the power of the men did not come through the vocalization of the girls and the instrumentation of the orchestra as it would have, had Mr. Storer more tenors to work with. But it was all excellent choral singing—accurate and musical; Puritan youths were not dancers, of course.

Of the individual members of the cast undoubtedly the palm belongs to Miss Himes. She not only sang well and almost without a trace of that tendency to flat which she has sometimes betrayed, but she was good to look upon and created an illusion about Priscilla that carried the audience with it. One understood why all the swains adored her.

Of Miss Motie, one has only to regret that she did not sing more. Miss Motie has a fine, rich voice and sings with a delight in her own gift which it is good to feel. The quality of her voice is such that, though it blends well, it is even in the ensembles clearly distinguished. But if the Barbara of Miss Motie was fine, the Resignation of Miss Waters was good too. Miss Waters has a fund of humor and a sense of the dramatic. When she does take a notion to come out of her part and converse with the people of Plymouth, she was admirable. And of her also, it should be said, one would like to have had more songs. Miss Petcina and Miss Kettenbach did well, tho their parts required that they be rather of the picture than of the plot.

Of the men, applause must be more tempered. Mr. Humphries sings very well indeed and he has a beautiful voice. Standish's duet with Priscilla was excellent. But of Mr. Humphries' conception of the doughty captain it was difficult to be sure at all times. Mr. Perkins made a strange John Alden. There was not enough glow or romance in the sadness of this idol of the Pilgrim maidens. It is conceivable that such a conception would explain Standish's intrust-

ing his message to Alden; but it makes Priscilla's naive question more difficult of interpretation. Perhaps Mr. Perkins is essentially a comedian: some of his comic lines gave that impression. Mr. Heard sang and acted the governor with becoming dignity. And Mr. Fawcett sang well and his duet with Miss Waters was both pleasant and amusing, altho be it said more comedy was in the part for the asking. Mr. Stone as the Indian, belonged to the picture. The picture as a whole was very good. The setting was pretty and real; the make-ups were noticeably fine. The lighting, however, marred some good effects. The footlights are badly set in and the exigencies of an opera required the main actors to play out on the apron where the border lights were of little service.

Yet these flaws are trifling. To have an auditorium and a playhouse makes us happy; to have such a presentation as this Priscilla to open it, makes us proud. Mr. Storer's is the credit for hastening the completion of the hall and bringing the operetta to production. He deserves infinite commendation.

Baseball With W. S. C.

A double header baseball game has been scheduled with W. S. C. for next Saturday afternoon. Neither team is in very good shape and the games will be more in the nature of practice contests. The games will be played at Pullman. This will be a chance for Idaho students to take an outing after the long winter, and all who can should go over if the weather continues as pleasant as it has been the last few days. No definite lineups have been announced for the games, but in all probability Hayden will open the game for Idaho with Robinson behind the bat.

Enoch Barnard, '11, is visiting at the Kappa Sigma house.

Marv Petcina left Monday for Spokane to hear Mary Garden.

Miss Audrey Carr was the guest of Delta Gamma at dinner Sunday.

"Buck" Phillips, '15, spent the week-end at his home in Lewiston.

Florence Waters went to Spokane Monday to hear Mary Garden.

Phi Delta Theta will give their annual dance Saturday night at Eggen's hall.

Misses Dollie Bean and Kate Keane were the dinner guests of Omega Pi Sunday.

The dance recital by Miss Stephens class in physical education is scheduled to come off tonight, Wednesday.

The animal husbandry class from W. S. C. came over from Pullman last week to study some of the University live stock.

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**FRESHMAN GLEE
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Plans Are Under Way to Hold the Annual Freshman Glee on April 13.

It is planned to make this last big class dance one of the most sumptuous of the year. It will add somewhat to the pleasure of the evening, too, when we consider that the following Monday the soldiers go on the annual encampment. And as they may thus be deprived of a whole week's pleasures they may as well have a good time before going.

The committees as appointed are:

Decorations—Owens, chairman; Constance Gvde, Schofield, Gertrude Denecke, Arthur Fluharty and Ruth Motie.

Programs—David, chairman, Valborg Kjosness and Anne Wilmet.

Refreshments—Bentley, chairman; Alta Taylor, Safford and Tess Keane.

Music—Melzig, chairman; Nancy Watts and Beamer.

Patroness—Babcock, chairman; Gregory and Anna McMonigal.

Home Schedule Announced.

Gus Larson has announced the baseball schedule for this year and has also announced a ticket selling contest similar to the one held for basketball last winter. The student selling the most season tickets will receive a ten dollar prize and each student who sells fifteen or more tickets will receive a season ticket free. According to this schedule Idaho will meet only two conference colleges this year, Whitman and W. S. C. Besides these two we will meet Gonzaga, but the date for this latter game is not yet settled. The price of a season ticket is \$1.25 for five games. Otherwise the charge will be 50 cents per game.

The schedule as announced is as follows:

- W. S. C.—April 18.
- Whitman—May 1.
- Whitman—May 3.
- W. S. C.—May 24.
- Gonzaga—Not settled.

Miss Gibs of Lewiston is visiting Harriet Wildenthaler, having come up to attend Priscilla and the Zeta Delta Formal.

Lloyd Hunter, ex-'13, is visiting at the Kappa Sigma house.

Alfred Lyons, '16, is confined to his bed with sickness.

Eddie Coram, '15, who has been ill for the last week is able to attend his classes again.

Mildred Anthes, '15, was called home last week by the death of her father.

Professor Patterson went up to Snokane Monday to hear Mary Garden.



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